

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1-2. (canceled)

3. (currently amended) A method for manufacturing metallic material having a chromium-oxide passivation film formed thereon, comprising the steps of:

depositing a coating material consisting of chromium onto a metallic material with a surface roughness (Ra) of not more than 1.5 μ m; and

applying a heat treatment to said chromium-coated metallic material in an oxidizing atmosphere so as to form a chromium-oxide passivation film on said metallic material, said film consisting of oxidized chromium ~~oxide on said metallic material~~.

4. (canceled)

5. (previously presented) The method according to claim 3, wherein said oxidizing atmosphere comprises oxygen diluted by an inert gas.